

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the three paragraphs that were added to the Specification, in the Amendment filed on January 22, 2009, between the paragraph ending on page 3, line 16 and the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18.

Please add the following paragraph between the paragraph ending on page 3, line 16 and the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18:

--Fig. 3 shows a schematic cross-sectional view of a third exemplary embodiment of an atomization system according to the present invention.--.

Please delete the three paragraphs that were added to the Specification, in the Amendment filed on January 22, 2009, between the paragraph ending on page 5, line 6 and the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8.

Please add the following paragraph between the paragraph ending on page 5, line 6 and the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8:

--Fig. 3 shows a partial, schematic cross-sectional view, not to scale, of atomization tube 4, in which bore holes 8 in second section 10 of atomization tube 4 increase in diameter in the downstream direction.--.